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Applicant(s): Masaki HIGURASHI et al

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FOR JOINING A PLURALITY OF  
IMAGES

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19D term for response to which expires on October 16, 2002, please  
amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 2, 3, 10, 14, 20, 22 and 28 as follows  
(see the attachment for details of the amendment):

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2. (Amended) An image processing apparatus comprising:  
image input means for inputting one composition as a  
plurality of images taken with a different exposure;